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SUBJ: EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD

1. BECAUSE OF CONFLICTING STORIES ABOUT THE ADVERSE EFFECTS ALLEGEDLY SUFFERED BY ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD EMPLOYEES FOLLOWING GOE'S TERMINATION OF SOVIET NAVAL FACILITIES THERE, AMBASSADOR REQUESTED CONGEN ALEXANDRIA LOOK INTO THIS MATTER. FOLLOWING PARS RECEIVED TODAY FROM CONGEN:

2. CONGEN HAS DISCUSSED WITH SEVERAL KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY SOME THAT DEPARTURE OF SOVIET NAVAL REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY AT ALEXANDRIA SHIPYARD RESULTED IN LOSS OF JOBS FOR SOME TWO THOUSAND TECHNICIANS AND ARTISANS.

3. FACT IS THAT AS GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, SHIPYARD NEVER FIRES ANYONE ON BASIS THERE NO WORK AT HAND. HOWEVER, MORE IMPORTANTLY, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANPOWER AND TRAINING ASSURES CONGEN THEREIS GREAT SHORTAGE IN EGYPT OF SUCH SKILLED WORKERS AS WELDERS, CONFIDENTIAL

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PLUMBERS, ELECTRICIANS AND CARPENTERS. THEY ARE LURED

ABROAD, PRIMARILY TO LIBYA OR GULF STATES, BY HIGH
WAGES AND BETTER HOUSING. HE ASSURES CONGEN THAT NO RPT
NO SKILLED LABOR IS UNEMPLOYED IN ALEXANDRIA AREA.

4. IT OCCURS TO CONGEN THAT TALES OF MASSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT
AT SHIPYARD AS RESULT OF SOVIET DEPARTURE MAY BE MANU-
FACTURED BY SOVIET SYMPATHIZERS SEEKING GAIN SUPPORT
FOR RETURN OF THAT NAVAL PRESENCE.
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